17. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, California, relative to a vote of support for S.615 by Senator John H. CHAFEE and H.R.761 by Representative Barney Frank at their regular session; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Agriculture.

¶62.45 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

 $\mbox{H.R.}$ 1559: Mrs. Linda Smith of Washington and Mrs. Emerson.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1997 (63)

¶63.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. ROGERS, who laid before the House the following communication:

Washington, DC, June 11, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable Harold Rogers to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶63.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. ROGERS, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, June 10, 1997.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶63.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

3740. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Mangement Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Polydextrose [Docket No. 91F-0160] received June 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3741. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Ophthalmic Devices: Reclassification of Rigid Gas Permeable Contact Lens Solution; Soft (Hydrophilic) Contact Lens Solution; and Contact Lens Heat Disinfecting Unit [Docket No. 95N-0400] received June 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3742. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Substances Affirmed as Generally Recognized as Safe: Menhaden Oil [Docket No. 86G-0289] received June 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on

3743. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Korea for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96-17), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3744. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department

of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 96–18), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3745. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Italy (Transmittal No. DTC-58-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3746. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Australia (Transmittal No. DTC-55-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3747. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the semi-annual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997, and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3748. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General covering the period October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997, and the semiannual Management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3749. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3750. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the semiannual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997; and the semiannual management report for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3751. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the semi-annual report on activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1996, through March 31, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3752. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer/President, Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting a copy of the Resolution Funding Corporation's Statement on Internal Controls and the 1996 Audited Financial Statements, pursuant to Public Law 101—73, section 511(a) (103 Stat. 404); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3753. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for Castilleja levisecta (Golden Paintbrush) (RIN: 1018-AC52) received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3754. A letter from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Threatened Status for the Alaska Breeding Population of the Steller's Eider (RIN: 1018–AC19) received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3755. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Threatened Status for the Guajon (RIN: 1018-AD52) received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A): to the Committee on Resources.

3756. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 961126334–7025–02; I.D. 053097C] received June 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3757. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Closure from Cape Arago, OR, to the Oregon-California Border [Docket No. 970429101–7101–01; I.D. 060397A] received June 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3758. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the Gulf of Alaska Statistical Area 620 [Docket No. 96126334-7025-02; I.D. 053097F] received June 11, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

3759. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Low-Income Housing Credit [Revenue Ruling 97–25] received June 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

¶63.4 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KINGSTON, pursuant to House Resolution 159 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1757) to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. ROGERS assumed the Chair.

¶63.5 RECORDED VOTE

A recorded vote by electronic device was ordered in the Committee of the Whole on the following amendment submitted by Mr. ROHRABACHER:

At the end of the bill add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

DIVISION C—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 2001. ASSISTANCE FOR THE RUSSIAN FED-ERATION.

None of the funds made available to carry out chapter 11 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2295 et seq.) for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 may be made available for the Russian Federation if the Russian Federation, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, transfers an SS-N-22 missile system to the People's Republic of China.